

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed February 6, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 17-22, 36, 37, 39-41, 43 and 44 and objected claim 42. By way of the foregoing amendments and the markings to show changes, Applicants have amended claims 39 and 44, with claims 17-22, 36, 37, and 40-43 being cancelled. The foregoing amendments are taken in the interest of expediting prosecution and there is no intention of surrendering any range of equivalents to which Applicant would otherwise be entitled in view of the prior art.

I. Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 17-22, 36, 37, 39-41, 43, and 44 as being anticipated by or obvious in view of one or more of the following references JP 4-158009 (Takao), US 4,269,890 (Breitling et al.), and US 4,995,545 (Wyeech). Without acquiescing in this suggestion, Applicants have cancelled claims 17-22, 36, 37, and 40-43 to overcome the rejections.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowed claims 1-16, 23-35, 38, and 45 and allowable claim 42.

III. Amended Claims 39 and 44

Applicants have amended independent claim 39 to include the limitations of allowable claim 42 and the limitations of intervening claims 40 and 41. Applicants have amended the dependency of claim 44 from depending on now cancelled claim 40 to be dependent on amended claim 39. On this basis, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims 39 and 44 and also request that the claims be allowed

Further, by the present amendment, it does not follow that the amended claims have become so perfect in their description that no one could devise an equivalent. After amendment, as before, limitations in the ability to describe the present invention in language in the patent claims naturally prevent the Applicants from capturing every nuance of the invention or describing with complete precision the range of its novelty or every possible equivalent. See, *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 62 USPQ2d 1705 (2002). Accordingly, the foregoing amendments are made specifically in the interest of expediting prosecution and there is no intention of surrendering any range of equivalents to which Applicants would otherwise be entitled.

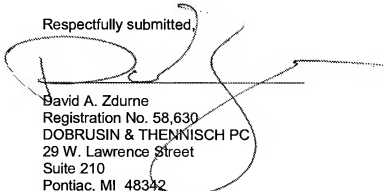
CONCLUSIONS

In view of Applicants' amendments and remarks, the Examiner's rejections are believed to be rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner pass the case to issue at the earliest convenience. Should the Examiner have any question or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (248) 292-2920.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

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